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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

SUBJECT: Conference with Dr. A. J. Jaffe
and Dr. A. R. Eckler

REFERENCE: Your memorandum, same subject,
dated 26 February 1946

I concur in the position of the Central Planning Staff as set out in referenced memorandum and approve of your action in suggesting that Dr. Jaffe plan his conference, in view of the small size of your present staff. It is suggested, however, that as soon as you have an appropriate officer available for this assignment, you advise Dr. Jaffe that you are now in a position to make the arrangements for his conference, if he has not already done so.

As soon as we are in a position to do so, it is my feeling that, as a general rule, the Central Planning Staff should take the active leadership in arranging and conducting interdepartmental conferences, studies, or surveys which are designed to coordinate foreign intelligence activities related to the national security. A member of the Central Planning Staff should assume the role of Coordinator of such affairs and should participate in all meetings and other activities connected therewith.

/s/ SIDNEY W. SOUERS
Director